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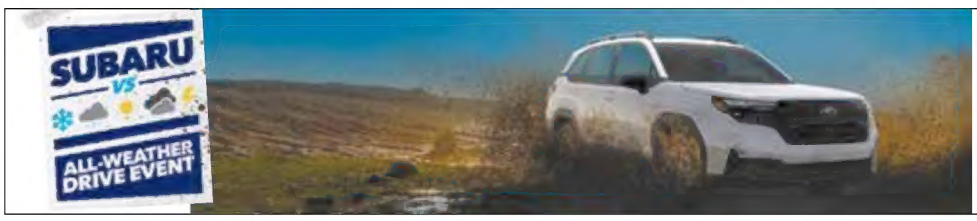

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It's turtle season! Pictured, Turtle Guardian Grace Wiley holds up a Snapping turtle during a past information session on turtle handling. Information and tips are frequently shared by the local Turtle Guardians. /FILE

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UMESH: *Ambition*

DUDES! I'M Umesh, a very chatty, but responsible guy who's going on 11, but is pretty short for his age. Worry not. I'll soon be big enough to take an official course, and I'm pretty amazing at sports.

Next year, after Grade 6, I'll certify as a Red Cross babysitter. Little kids love me, and I'm definitely qualified since my younger sisters are triplets. Yes. You heard me right. They're seven years old, and in Mr. Emmerson's Grade 1/2. They all look mostly the same, but Isha's already as tall as me, though she hates sports. She's a bookworm, so I've started lending her some of my Junior-Intermediate novels since she's getting bored with most of her Primary ones. But her very favourite is still *Charlotte's Web*, and she doesn't mind crying every time she rereads it.

DEB REED
Wind in the Attic

The triplets and I sometimes talk about what I read to them out loud. We all sit on the carpet, and I explain every word or idea somebody doesn't understand. Often, when Mummy calls us for supper, nobody wants to go!

Unlike Isha, I prefer being outside. My best friends are Bradley, Arlo and Jude. We play hockey, pickleball and basketball, even though I'm not much over 4 feet tall. Mummy's 5 foot nothing, but Daddy's over 6'! That's 193 cm! Wonder which parent I'll take after.

I've begun teaching my buddies how to play cricket. We haven't tried a whole lot, but they seem interested for now. Daddy watches international matches on TV, and roots for team India. He lets me use an old left-handed bat from his childhood. It's not perfect for right-handers, but we make it work. It feels kind of fun to show off a different sport on the empty high school soccer field. We have to use a baseball when we practice, which we 'bowl' overhand instead of pitch. If the batter misses the ball, one bounce of it might knock down the 'wicket' behind him. We make our own wickets out of kindling. That works ok.

Miss Fields, our new teacher, has set up Book Buddies with my sisters' class. Every Tuesday we meet up with our Grade 1 or 2 'buddy' to take turns reading. It's perfect for me since I already do this at home. I'll count it as experience when I apply for the Babysitting Course. My parents want to do more stuff together as a couple, so once I've completed my training, I'll be qualified and paid for playing with my sisters, making dinner, tidying and locking up, and getting everyone to bed. I have to wait until I'm 12 before I actually start this course, and at first I'll work only short shifts. I must be older before I babysit any longer than that. Maybe I'll be able to save up for a right-handed cricket bat and proper red leather ball.

Just today, Mrs. Fields shared that her own dad was once a cricketer. How insanely incredible is that?

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Fishing weather

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Perfect weather never happens when you are fishing in the early season.

STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

I was reminded of this when I went fishing for rainbow trout on Sunday. My fishing buddy and I were fly fishing from a canoe on a small lake and, in a six-hour span, we endured rain, sleet, snow, and hail, and frigid temperatures. All that was wrapped in violent gusts of wind that kept changing direction.

On the down side, we caught three nice fish.

Some people might not think there is a down side to this. I mean, three nice rainbow trout seems like a respectable catch.

That's where they are wrong.

Catching one fish is nice. You can go home and say you didn't get skunked and feel good about your efforts.

Two fish are entering the danger zone. Two fish causes an angler to actually believe they have figured out why they are catching fish.

This is a dangerous thing for an angler to think he or she has figured out – mostly because they will now repeat the process, no matter how silly ... For example, you might hear that angler say, "Well, we caught two fish and, if you noticed, both of them were took a size 12 beadhead Prince nymph but they only struck three seconds after you sneezed, coinciding with when the snow turned to hail, and you threw out your back. You know what this means?"

To which the other angler replies, "We should go home?"

Of course the first angler can't hear the reply due to the high wind blowing hail into his ear canals, so he says, "That's right. We've figured it out. Keep sneezing. Pray for hail."

Half an hour later, they catch the third fish – which for some reason gets caught in a way that has nothing to do with what the first angler theorized.

Three fish is the most dangerous. It makes the dumber of the two anglers think, "It's raining, snowing, sleeting, and hailing and the wind is brutal and the temperatures are awful… We should come back again tomorrow and do this again."

Which leads me to tell you about my fishing trip on Monday. Those who have to work a real job will be happy to hear that the weather conditions were exactly the same as the day before. But since I was fishing with a different angler, we had to figure out a new theory: while freezing, getting pelted by hail, and then getting snowed and rained upon. Oh, and buffeted around the lake by heavy gusts of wind.

Was it worth it? Yes, it was.

I really enjoyed the day and so did the fellow I was fishing with, although the wind prevented me from hearing him say it. Right now, you are probably wondering, if we found a new theory. And I'm happy to say, we did. This time the fish were taking black leech flies with chartreuse bead heads as well as small tungsten-headed olive woolly buggers fished exactly twelve seconds after we saw a duck huddled near shore ruffle its feathers. Admittedly, it was one of those classic, predictable patterns, but oh well. Sometimes you just have to go with the tried and true.

To a non-angler, this probably sounds awful.

But there is a bright side. We only caught two fish.

Community Events

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Haliburton County Snowmobile Association Annual General Meeting
When: Sunday, May 24 at 9:30 a.m.
Where: Stanhope Firefighters Community Hall, 1095 Northshore Rd, Algonquin Highlands
A recap of a great winter. We'll honour our volunteers and share our plans for the coming season. Everyone is welcome.
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Highlands Wind Symphony Spring Concert
When: Sunday, May 31 at 3 p.m.
Where: Pinestone Inn and Conference Centre Ballroom
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Haliburton Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides Event
When: Sunday, May 31.
Registration at 10 a.m., Walk at 11 a.m.
Where: Haliburton Pet Valu Store
Registration forms available at the store.
Website: haliburtonlegion.com

Haliburton County Historical Society Annual General Meeting
When: Thursday, May 28 at 7p.m.
Where: Haliburton Museum, 66 Museum Road, Haliburton
Learn about: Lodging Legacies: The Lost Cabins, Camps, and Lodges of the Kashagawigamog Lake Chain from author Linda Lewis-Daly. Note: Copies of the book will be available for sale and signing by the author

"Designing a Cutting Garden"
When: June 2, 7 p.m.
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Glimpses of the past

Cutting Ice - 1940

THESE THREE shots were taken in 1940 and depict the annual harvest of ice from Gull Lake. The site is out beyond the summer location of the diving raft, and directly in front of the location of Lakefront cabin #20. The ice was usually cut in late January or early February.

Snow was removed from the selected site to allow the ice to get thicker. It was usually cut when it reached a depth of at least 15." In the first image, long time Miners Bay Lodge employee, Ken Grozelle, is running the ice cutting machine.

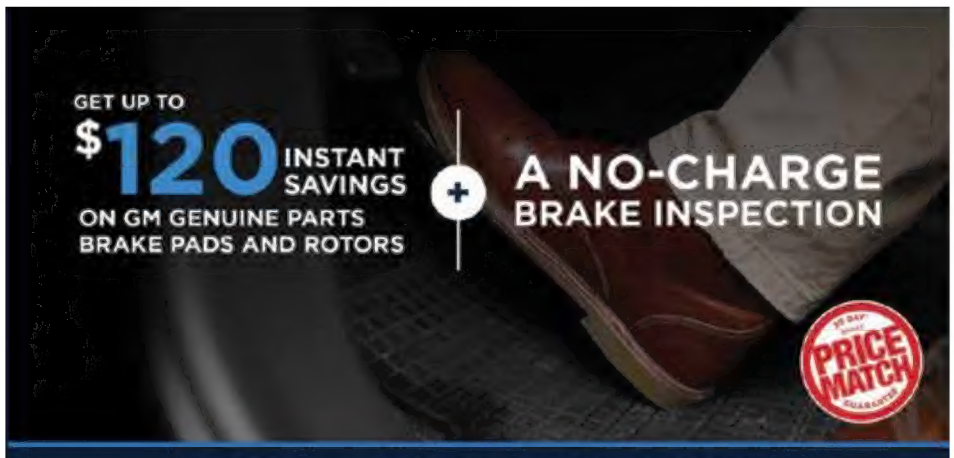
A motorized circular saw, mounted on a sled-like apparatus with runners, was pulled backwards across the ice surface to create a checkerboard pattern. If the ice was too thick, large five foot long hand saws had to also be used. Getting the first few blocks out was a challenge!

RUSS WUNKER
Glimpses of the Past

Pulling the 16" x 16" blocks out of the lake onto the slippery ice surface using ice tongs was demanding. They were then dragged by hand to the sleigh. Neighbour Joe Gillespie, and his team, then transported the load to the ice house, to be packed in snow and saw dust for summer use.

In later years a tractor replaced the team, and a mechanical ice loader with a conveyor belt loaded the blocks directly from the lake to the wagon.

The building in the background of the second photo appears to be MBL Housekeeping Cottage #3 – which no longer exists.



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Writing on the Senior Side

The only direction is forward

GAIL STELTER

County Life Contributor

The hotel in downtown Ottawa was booked for May 4, 5, and 6. The room was carefully chosen and had a sitting room and a kitchenette. It was perfect for a brief staycation and as a home base for our outing to walk among thousands and thousands of tulips. After a never-ending winter, this would be just the spring event I needed. I was both excited and relieved to be leaving winter behind. Then, we started watching the weather apps. April had been disappointing, with only a few nice days and too much cold, rain and even snow. The apps said the same for Ottawa, and as we got closer to our trip, it wasn't changing. The forecast was for three days of cool temperatures and rain every day. Perhaps we should cancel. We decided to wait until one or two days before. The weather in Haliburton changes every twenty minutes. Maybe Ottawa would also change to the sun and warmth we were expecting.

My foot fell asleep, and I didn't realize it. I tried to get up, stumbled, tried to right myself and stumbled even more, twisting my ankle. I think I might have heard a crack. Lots of pain and swelling put my first aid provider, Peter, into high gear. First, ice and then a tenser bandage and Advil. The next day, he outfits me with an open heel and toe boot with laces and Velcro bands. It works well, but I know walking among the tulips is not going to work very well, and the weather forecast hasn't changed. We cancelled our trip. Ten days later, my foot was still hurting, so I went to the hospital. An X-ray confirms a broken bone. I am outfitted with an Air Cast boot. The doctor tells me that I will hear from the orthopedic surgeon/fracture clinic at Ross Memorial Hospital. I will get an appointment to find out if I need surgery and what the "plan" is for my foot. My appointment is this week, so this story is not quite finished. My foot seems a little better each day. I am managing with this heavy boot, and I don't expect to need surgery.

The moral of this story is that my senior bones break easily, and when they do, the only choice I have is to do what the doctors say, and the only direction I can go is forward. Sometimes I want to sit and be frustrated, but that will not help. Sometimes I want to feel sorry for myself, but that is ridiculous, and so I take charge of myself and make those feelings go away. Yes, the only direction living on the senior side is forward, and for heaven's sake, a broken foot is not a big deal. I will be fine to go swimming in the summer, and since I don't read or write with my feet, my treasured activities are intact. I can still attend my granddaughter's upcoming dance and theatre performances. I can still watch another granddaughter's soccer games. I can go to my son's gig at the Irish pub in Kingston. Well, dancing might be problematic, but I can "dance in my seat". Yes, I will be the crazy old lady dancing in her seat. I can still have a campfire on the May 2-4 weekend and, of course, I can be with and enjoy the people I love. I am thankful for these and all the other things I can do.

I pause and think about those seniors who can no longer do things about which they are passionate, some I know personally and many more I do not. I say a good karma prayer for them. As we age, our bodies age and can take the lead in the quality of our lives. We may not be able to prevent this, but we can decide how to go forward.

It makes sense that senior bones break easily, especially for those of us with osteoarthritis. I want to know more about seniors and broken bones and falls. Here are two statistics that stood out and reminded me that these are concerns to be taken seriously.

Canada has an aging population and increasing life expectancy. Between 2017 and 2022, deaths due to falls increased 51 per cent in adults aged 65 and older.

Falls are the leading cause of hospital stays among older adults in Canada. Approximately 30 per cent of those aged 65 years and older and 50 per cent of those over 80 fall at least once each year, and those who fall are two or three times more likely to fall again. Falls can cause soft tissue injuries, head trauma, sprained wrists and ankles, fear of falling again, fractures and sometimes even death.

There is an extensive body of knowledge dealing with falls prevention, and I know that falls prevention sessions and clinics are offered locally. As I read about this, much was a review of what I already knew, but it was still important to revisit and consider it anew. I don't think there was much I could have done about stumbling over my own feet, but as I sit here, with my computer on my lap just as it was that day, I will remember to check my feet before I get up.

I will also remember that my life's trials and tribulations will not decrease with age, but in fact, will be counted on to increase. My journey on the senior side comes with speed bumps and detours. When I face these, I am forced to slow down and remember to be grateful for all I have been given. I remember that the only direction is forward, and that's the way I want to go. That's the way I will go. Next year, I will tiptoe through the tulips.

Work hard and find joy

TERESA JORDAN

Community Living Contemplations

WHERE I grew up the land had been settled and farmed, but all traces of those buildings had been removed before the time in the '60s when my grandparents bought the property. A big adventure in my childhood was when we could become child archeologists and find evidence of the past farming families.

So, a metal detector often got pressed into service and found cans, lids, horseshoes and railway spikes. We also found bottles, old machine parts and a ramshackle sleigh attributed in family lore as being from the year Santa crashed there.

The other enduring evidence were piles of rocks at the edges of the fields. These rocks, we knew had been moved by human hands from the fields and placed at the side so that crops could be planted. Each rock was laboured over and probably cursed about, and here after all these decades the piles sat silently, grown over with moss, at the edge, the human hands long gone that had toiled.

We all get to be here for a time, and we get to work hard, find joy and curse over difficulties and challenges. At some point these rock piles of our life will be set aside. I guess what I know for sure is that we leave marks, we leave clues and we can often leave behind our rock piles.

These great challenges of right now will eventually move to the rear view and we will again be at a next phase of things. Here is to that adventure and for looking for the lessons and the memories all the way along. The rocks got moved out of the way so that something could grow, there is always something to plant and plan.

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Change the channel

WHILE THERE are of course many advantages to growing up in the 21st century from a science, technology, and communications perspective, there is one major thing I miss from days gone by.

TV channels.

I know, I know, it may sound simple. And you may suggest that there are bigger fish to fry, but as I sit with my son, trying to pick a television show to entertain him for a few short minutes, I realize I miss the simplicity of channels.

EMILY STONEHOUSE
County Life Editor

I recall the days of 10 options on our television. Each one, dedicated to a fairly local channel. My favourite show came on at 5 p.m. sharp. And if I missed it, I was out of luck until the next day.

And while it was my favourite show, I would have no idea which episode would air. If it was a fan favourite, my day was made. If it wasn't one of the best, I still managed to forge ahead, hopeful for the next run.

Disney movies aired on Sunday nights. We would curl up after a warm bath and sit by the woodstove, eager to see the selection of the evening. If we wanted a movie on a different night of the week, we would visit Mr. Hardy at the video store. It smelled like popcorn and gumballs and we would peruse the shelves, flipping through VHS tapes.

I remember when DVDs came into play. We were told they would never take off.

But they did. The thin discs usurping the mighty VHS throne.

Before long, streaming started. I remember hearing radio announcers joke about the newly launched website called "YouTube"; laughing about how it sounds like a spin-off from the popular band U2.

Millennials hold a special spot in history as the generation that has one foot in the past and one in the future. We remember days of TV channels and simplicity, while we can comfortably thumb around a smartphone. A little in the past, a little in the future.

And now, as we raise our own kids, we actively crave the whimsy of the past. As I scroll an endless supply of shows, shorts, and shares, I miss the days of my favourite show coming on at 5 p.m. sharp.

I would argue that it taught discipline, taught gratitude, taught presence. If we missed our show, we wouldn't melt down. We knew that another episode would air tomorrow. We moved on, we went outside.

I am seeing many of today's parents actively trying to revert back to that level of simplicity. They're tossing Netflix aside in favour of VHS tapes, YouTube banned in an effort to reconnect with books. Screen times shifted to accommodate outdoor adventures.

Similar to how record sales are creeping up on online streaming services, tangible, tactile practices are coming back into play. We are actively reconnecting with the shimmer of simplicity, honouring our own childhoods, without the hustle and bustle society tried to implement as we jumped into a new century.

The world doesn't need to be rushed, hurried, fast and furious. There's a world of leisure, of patience, and of presence if we just take the time to reconnect.

So I'm ready to change the channel to something a whole lot slower.

Top 10 reasons to appreciate black flies

BLACK FLIES are not our most popular insect. But that's because we humans only consider their annoying qualities. I have found that, if you start thinking of all the things they do for us, you will begin to appreciate the little darlings. With that in mind, here are the top 10 reasons to appreciate black flies.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. They keep people away from your secret mosquito-watching place.
2. It's the little love bites.
3. They provide a more wholesome way to get buzzed.
4. One day, when there is a shortage of them, your herd of black flies is going to be worth something.
5. With enough of them, you can create the illusion of pepper.
6. Great way to discourage someone from starting local nudist colony.
7. Further proof to support your theory about there being a hell on earth.
8. After a day with the black flies, you can fake measles anywhere.
9. Because of them, no one laughs at you when you repeat some bit of ridiculous outdoorsy wisdom. But only because they don't want to swallow 50 black flies.
10. Great holistic way to reduce your blood pressure.

Matriarch

Willows billowing in the breeze, blowing past the bench where I sit,
grazing my cheeks, soft as the hands that cupped my face when I was small, how few of the willows still remain,
growing in the park along the path where a creek used to flow, that was buried long ago,
where we used to walk as she held my hand, my fingers always trying to wriggle free, running ahead as she hollered, Wait for Me,
stopping at the bench to rest her Breath, the old willow canopying her in shade, the matriarch of the park still here,
missing only a single limb, as Wind slinks through her green tresses, the way I remember, the bench still the same,
though the planks of wood are worn, the way her hands and Breath became, as she walked along the path nearly every day,
Alone, after she was widowed and I was grown, returning to her Self, no longer a wife, her interior Life a mystery to me,
a tapestry woven of gossamer threads, of sunlight and shadow, of secrets and grief and hopes and dreams,
that I wonder whether they were ever realized, when she became a wife and Mum, catering to us instead of herself,
snatching still moments to sit and read, or walk along the park path toward her favourite bench,
where she rested her leaf-coloured eyes in the green of willows, billowing in the Wind, or raised them upward toward Sky,
watching clouds or birds fly past, the shape of her Life changing, like the clouds I gaze at now,
sitting on the bench where she used to come to be Alone, away from the white bungalow that's no longer there,
a concrete slab erected instead, not a blade of grass remains, the evergreens that fenced the backyard where a family
laughed and argued and played, uprooted to make room for a giant box of a house that looks blank and sterile to me,
as I view it from the bench, revisiting the park every year, where I still see her slim silhouette walking along the path,
sometimes Alone, sometimes with her daughter, her pudgy fingers trying to squirm free,
running away from her Mummy toward the monkey bars or swings, feeling free as Wind,
knowing her Mummy would always be there,
watching and waiting for her on the bench, 'till the day she wasn't,
her Breath masquerading as breeze, as I feel her hands cupping my cheeks, here on the bench where I rest,
canopied by the old willow, the matriarch of the park, still here, years after she took her last steps along the path,
inhaling Wind, feeling free, no longer a wife, returning to her Self, when she was a girl, growing up across the sea,
keeping her secrets, cradling her dreams, curious about the wonder of her Life before she became a wife and mother,
things that I will never know, only that when a gust of Wind blows through the branches of the old willow, stroking my cheeks,
she is Here, her Breath, long buried like the creek that flowed through the park, a mother and daughter walking along the path,
holding hands, the mother, old, the daughter, grown, how I wish I hadn't have tried so hard to wriggle free,
feeling her Breath flow through me as I rise from the bench, lifting my eyes up toward Sky,
where a cloud shaped like a feather floats in all that boundless blue.

Sylvie Kalenda

Arts and culture walk-about

Park your car at the Minden Community Centre and walk to four events on Saturday, June 20.

Bookapalooza: Minden Community Centre

Starting at 10 a.m., this literary arts festival features an exhibition of local authors and literacy-related vendors (including many children's books). Refreshments available. Guest speakers Marissa Stapley and Bianca Marais will be presenting at 2 p.m. Check the website for ticket details. The day finishes with a dinner at the Dominion Hotel to bring readers and writers together for a social celebration.

Coming Home Quilt Show and Sale: Minden Curling Club

The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild are celebrating their 29th anniversary. The array of quilts and fabric projects handcrafted by our members are inspiring. Shop for that one of kind item. Wander the vendor booths and purchase materials for your next project. Tea and food are available and don't forget to bring your scissors to get sharpened. This organization gathers weekly to promote quilting and related activities in a supportive environment. Information about membership will be available.

The Artists of Boathouse Studio Show: Minden Hills Cultural Centre

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Home and Cottage Show kicks off summer season

EMILY STONEHOUSE
County Life Editor

It's not summer until the Haliburton Home and Cottage show officially kicks off.

Now in its 47th year, the annual event draws thousands from across the county and beyond, featuring over 100 community vendors.

"It's become a very famous show," said Andy Glecoff, one of the organizers of the event. "The popularity of the show continues to grow."

Glecoff noted that with 170 booths and 133 exhibitors, the show sold out of space eight weeks in advance, and the organizer continues to field calls, requesting show space. "We have a very long waitlist," he said.

This year, over 50 new organizations applied to be in the show, including a mobile dental office, a hearing centre, and a tattoo shop. But while the organizers are eager to expand their offerings, they also remain grateful to their original participants. "We continue to get support from major vendors every year," said Glecoff. "They're the backbone of the show."

Glecoff shared that beyond businesses, the show also featured a number of not-for-profits, including Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation and Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association will be present to share their initiatives. "Those are so important to the community," said Glecoff.

The three-day show kicks off on Friday, May 29 from 3 to 8 p.m., and continues on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the final day on Sunday, May 31 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

While parking can sometimes be an issue, Glecoff noted that Baumgartner Realty and the Youth Hub have offered up their parking lots for the busy weekend. There will be free doggy daycare offered, as well as facepainting for all ages on Saturday and Sunday.

With a draw upon entry, visitors will be entered to win a number of prizes, including an original artwork from David Alexander Risk, a weekend getaway at a local lodge, or high-end camping chairs from Glecoff's.

"Our show is unlike any other show," said Glecoff. "It's over 150 volunteers taking over 180 shifts over the weekend." The show is run by the Haliburton Curling Club; an organization that is steadily growing, and eager to support others interested in joining. Proceeds from the Home and Cottage show either go back into running the community event, or into the Curling Club to subsidize costs for new participants. The club currently offers a number of programs, including youth curling and beginner sessions.

Information on the Haliburton Home and Cottage Show can be found through their website at /www.haliburtonhomeandcottageshow.com. The show runs May 29 to 31 at the Haliburton Curling Club and A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. "It's a great show," said Glecoff. "Everyone is always happy with the connections they're making."

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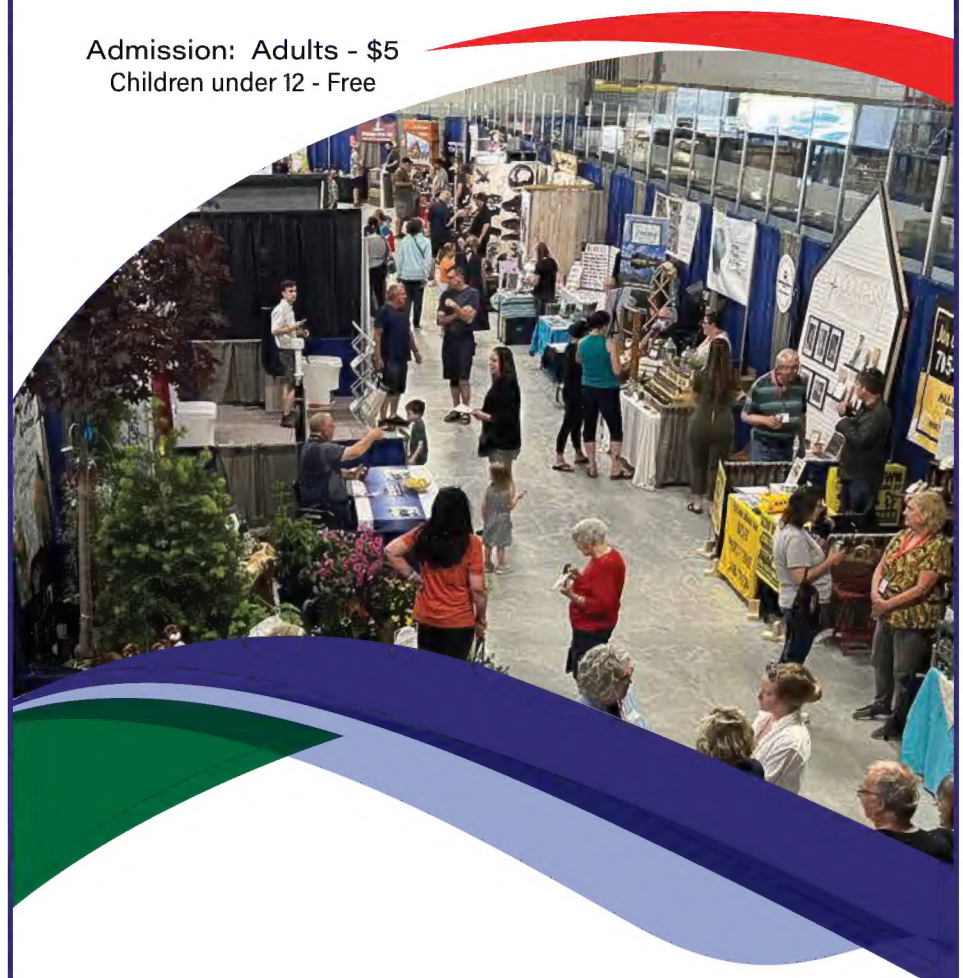

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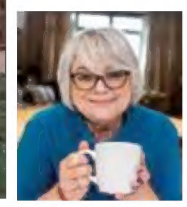

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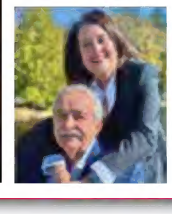

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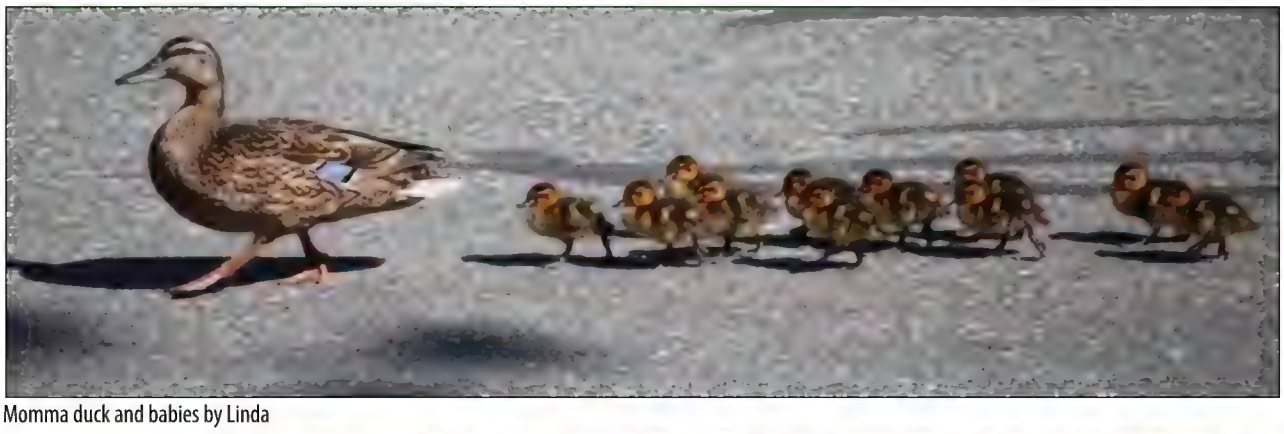

Momma duck and babies by Linda

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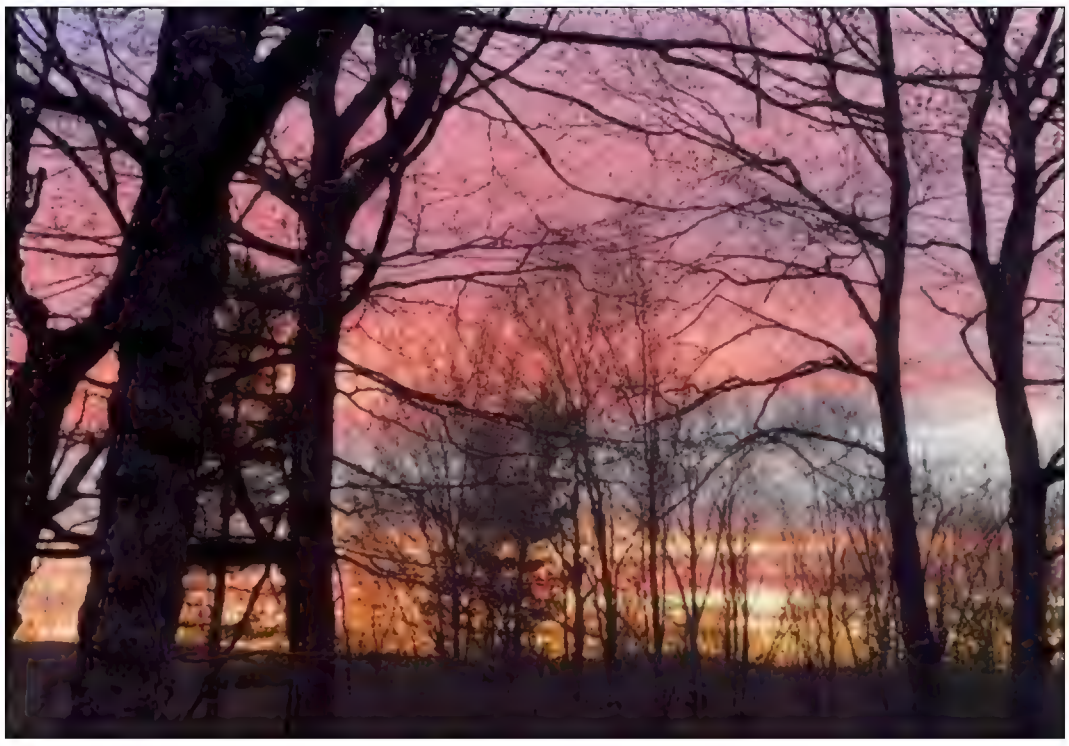

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Successful book launch for Whitteker's *Nature Nuggets*

IVY KATZ
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Naturally, Rick Whitteker's book launch for *Nature Nuggets: Hiking, Paddling & the Ecology of the Haliburton Highlands* drew a much larger crowd than anticipated. "We were expecting about fifty people but it seems like we have at least eighty people who showed up," said Lisa Tolentino, Whitteker's partner, and his sister, Michele Whitteker, both of whom were minding the book sales. The line up was indeed non-stop. On top of 100 pre-ordered books being sold, this was an incredible turnout.

The event attracted many locals on Friday, May 8, inside Castle Antiques, where Whitteker gave a short talk and spent the rest of the time signing books non-stop. Some of the proceeds of book sales go to the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust and the Children's Water Festival. Three kids from Abbey Gardens' EcoExplorer program came for a book. Wildlife biologist Irene Heaven, the head the EcoExplorer program, aims to help kids get hooked on nature, and noted that Whitteker works part-time supporting the Abbey Gardens programming.

Just one of the many ways Whitteker is involved in local ecology and environmental awareness.

With a background in education, the recently published author has been in the Haliburton Highlands since 1997, and worked at Haliburton Forest and Fleming College over those years. After 15 years at Fleming, where he ran an outdoor-based program, he is now involved with the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, where he is a coordinator for the Partners in Conservation program, working on private land owner and stewardship incentives.

Whitteker insists that he does not identify as a "nature expert," and instead he is someone who knows "a little bit about a lot of things," and leaves it up to others to decide which areas inspire interest or joy, which people can create and explore in further depth. His personal method is to hone in on anything that strikes him as beautiful in nature. He then researches that element, and shares his findings in his regular columns. Many of these observations can be found in his biweekly article series *Naturally Yours* in *County Life*.

"I try to connect with people on an emotional level,"

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Videographer Midori Nagai feels priveledged to have had the chance to get introduced to the Highlands by Rick Whitteker with a canoe trip a few years back. /IVY KATZ staff

Terri Carr getting more than one book signed.

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Michele Whitteker, sister, and partner Lisa Tolentino minded the non-stop sales at the book table!

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said Whitteker, "hoping they will follow up on things that spark their curiosity and their own outdoor exploration journey." His work is a "labour of love," and he believes that is what makes his writing approachable. Whitteker gives people the "nature nuggets" with which they can move forward into deeper exploration.

Find Whitteker's book at Castle Antiques or Master's Books. You can find out more about the book and Whitteker's upcoming events at rickwhitteker.info.

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Bikers' camp:

Satan's Choice leases property on Soyers Lake

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Residents on Soyers Lake who relish listening to the eerie call of loons had better get used to hearing a new sound this summer — the throaty rumble of motorcycles.

Jim Pocock, a property owner on the northern end of the lake, has leased his land to the Satan's Choice biker gang as a camp site.

"They'll come with 100 motorcycles or more on the long weekends," said the property owner's father, Minden resident Dick Pocock.

Recently two large signs were erected on the property, bearing the notice: "Private. Leased by Satan's Choice Motorcycles, Oshawa Branch."

Dick Pocock said the warnings are a promise, not a threat.

"They will be there. There's no question. They didn't lease it for no reason at all."

The senior Pocock, who retired in Minden after 35 years in the real estate business in Oshawa, originally bought the lot in 1986 and sold it to his son five years ago.

He claims the municipality of Anson, Hindon and Minden gave him no notice when it redesignated the land from a residential zoning to hazard land, which doesn't permit the construction of a home or cottage.

The redesignation came as a result of the new comprehensive zoning bylaw the municipality adopted in February 1986. Some components of the bylaw were appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board, but they were finally passed in 1993.

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FLYING HIGH OVER HALIBURTON: The Ministry of Natural Resources spent five days stocking area lakes with different species of trout from May 9 to May 16. Two of these days required the use of a helicopter to access the more remote lakes. The MNR stocked over 90,000 fish during those two days with the help of MNR pilot Doug Holtby whose helicopter was equipped with six tanks in the back that could hold up to six different species of fish for each trip.

Real estate sales on the rise: report

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The summer sun won't be the only thing heating up the Highlands in the next few months.

After several sluggish years, real estate activity is beginning to show a marked increase, says the Re/Max Cottage Country Report, which is predicting increased sales of 5 to 10%, as well as slightly higher sale prices.

"If there's a consumer who's been thinking about buying a cottage for a long time, they're going to jump into it this year," says Pamela Alexander, regional director of Re/Max Ontario - Atlantic Canada. "Smart money buys now."

Sales are already showing a steady increase, she says of her first specific survey of "cottage country," including Haliburton, Muskoka and the Kawarthas.

"This year we've really got positive things happening," she says. Historically, real estate trends in cottage areas follows those of cities, for better and for worse. All last year, Toronto's market was strong, and is continuing that way as 1997 progresses. At the same time, interest rates are low and bank managers are amenable to new business.

"A lot of this has to do with consumer confidence," Alexander says of the renewed interest in lakefront properties. "People are spending their money again. The move-up buyer (the person who wants a bigger and better house) is also the cottage buyer."

And with many cottages on the market, at very reasonable prices, cottage buyers are in an enviable position.

Does that mean anyone with a cottage for sale should instantly jack up the price? Alexander cautions against it. "People will only pay what is reasonable... We won't see the late 1980s' prices, but maybe an increase of 5 to 10%."

Perhaps even a few cottage owners are going to re-think their decision to put the property on the market. Cottages are one of the first things to be sold when people lose their jobs or

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Chamber tries to bar paper from meeting

The Echo was asked to leave Thursday night's general meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce in order to prevent the newspaper from reporting on the discussions.

The request first came from Chamber president Connie Sims, who told *Echo* editor Martha Perkins that the meeting was going to be held "in camera" and therefore private. Since *The Echo* is not a Chamber member, she wanted Perkins to leave.

Perkins responded that county taxpayers give $50,000 a year to the Chamber and the only justification for holding an "in camera" meeting was to discuss property, personnel or legal issues. None of these items were on the printed agenda.

Chamber manager Brian Dean repeated the request for *The Echo* to leave, and when the request was denied, demanded that all discussions

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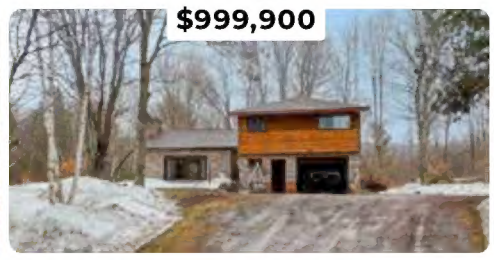
$1,599,000 NEW PRICE

BED 1+3 | BATH 3 | MLS #X13007692

HIGHWAY 35, MINDEN
$999,900



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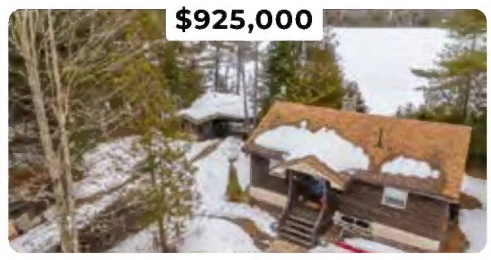
GOODERHAM LAKE
$925,000

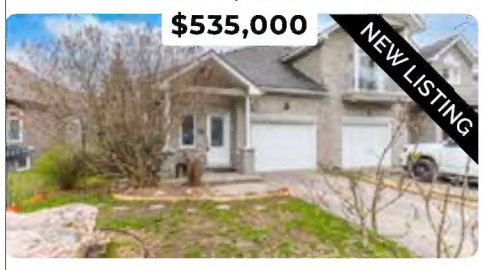


BED 3+2 | BATH 2 | MLS #X12954018

LONG LAKE, MINK RD
$749,900

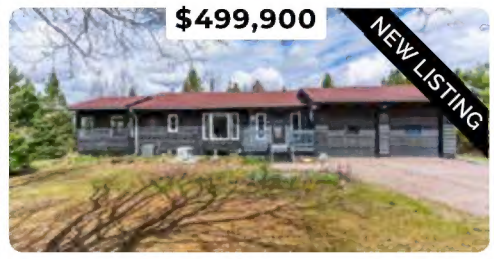
BED 6 | BATH 1+1 | MLS #X13034386

WEBB CIRCLE, SILVER BEACH
$535,000 NEW LISTING



BED 2 | BATH 2 | MLS X13113762

IRONDALE RIVER, IRONDALE RD
$499,900 NEW LISTING



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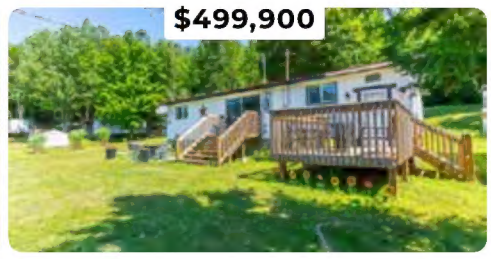
KUSHOG LAKE, HIGHWAY 35
$499,900



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OUTRAM RD, WILBERFORCE
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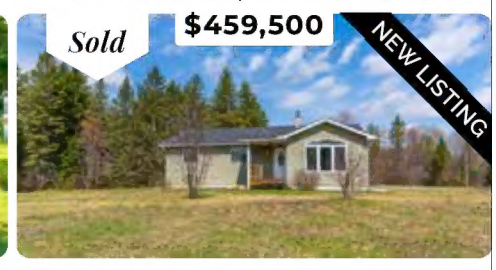
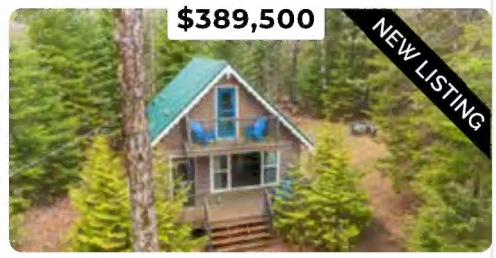


BED 2 | BATH 1 | MLS #X13111224

COUNTY RD 503, GOODERHAM
$430,000 NEW LISTING

BED 2 | BATH 1 | MLS: X13111224

GLAMOR LAKE RD
$389,500 NEW LISTING

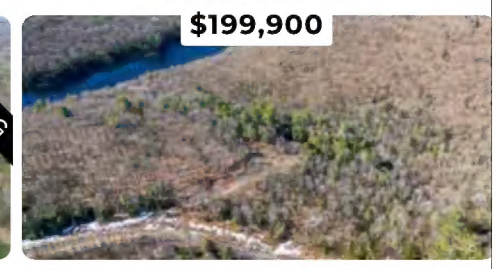


BED 2 | BATH 1 | MLS #X13122288

TOM BOLTON RD
$225,000 NEW LISTING

ACRES 6.48 | MLS #X13111900

BOUGHNER RD
$199,900



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BRADY LAKE RD
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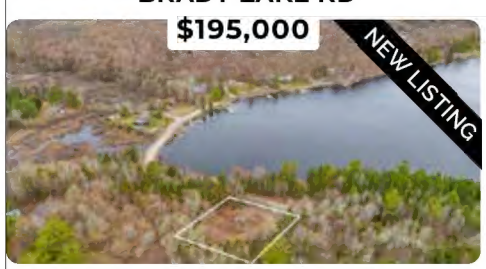

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STILLS ROAD
$145,000 NEW LISTING

ACRES 1.21 | MLS #X13118448

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A big thank you goes to Linda Baumgartner and her team for their expert advice and service. Linda was a pleasure to work with and was professional and knowledgeable in handling the sale of our cottage. We can fully endorse Linda Baumgartner and her team for their integrity, honesty and commitment to our sale.
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